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Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's requirement for restriction mailed August 11, 2004, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II, namely claims 7-13.

This election is made with traverse since it is believed that the claims of Groups I and II are sufficiently closely related as to permit their consideration in this application. In the event that the Examiner maintains his requirement, applicants respectfully reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to their non-elected claims.

Application No. 10/690,030 Amendment dated September 10, 2004 Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2004



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage at First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on **September 10, 2004**.